

to be awarded by March, 2008 and the project is expected to be commissioned during 2011-12.

**Delayed private power generation projects**

**\*385. SHRI SITARAM YECHURY:** Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the private sector power generation projects are lagging behind their schedules;

(b) if so, the details thereof, project-wise; and

(c) the reasons therefor, project-wise?

**THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE):** (a) (to) (c) The Electricity Act, 2003 has liberalized generation. No license is required for setting up a power generating station. The independent power producer has to only obtain the statutory clearances such as environmental and forest, etc., tie up sale of power and thereafter achieve financial closure for commencement of construction and implementation of the project. As per information available with the Central Electricity Authority, the project-wise details of the private sector power generation projects which have achieved financial closure but are presently behind their commissioning schedules, along with the reasons thereof are given below:—

Sl. No.	Name of the Project & State	Capacity (MW)	Executing Agency	Commissioning schedule		Reasons for delay
				Original	Now Anticipated	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Maheshwar HEP MP.	400 (10x40)	Maheshwar Hydro Power Corporation Ltd.	March, 2009	2010-11	The project construction came to a halt in September, 2001 due to financial constraints impacted by withdrawal of financial tie-up with foreign collaborators and work could thereafter be resumed only in November, 2005.
2.	Karcham Wangtoo HEP, H.P.	1000 (4x250)	Jaypee Karcham Hydro Pvt. Ltd.	2009-10	2011-12	On account of delays in accordance of environmental clearance (9.11.2005) and diversion of forest land (17.11.2005). Financial closure has since been achieved in March, 2006.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
3	Budhil HEP, H.P.	70 (2x35)	Lanco Pvt. Ltd.	2008-09	2009-10	There were initial delays in getting financial closure. <b>Financial closure has since been achieved in March 2006.</b>
4.	Gautami CCPP, A.P.	464 (GT-1-145 GT-2-145 ST - 174)	Gautami Power Ltd.	GT-1-2/06 GT-2-2/06 ST-7/06	Aug., 2007 Aug., 2007 Aug., 2007	Non-availability of gas.
5.	Konaseema CCPP, A.P.	445 (GT-1-140 GT-2-140 St-165)	Konaseema Gas Power Ltd.	GT-1-9/05 GT-2-12/05 ST-3/06	Dec., 2007 Dec., 2007 Dec., 2007	Non-availability of gas.
6.	O.P. Jindal STPP	1000 (U1-250 U2-250 U3-250 U4-250)	Jindal Power Ltd.	U1-2/07 U2-6/07 U3-12/07 U4-12/07	U1-7/07 U2-10/07 U3-12/07 U4-03/08	Delay in supplies by BHEL.
TOTAL:		3379				

### Tribal literacy in Orissa

\*386. SHRI BHAGIRATHI MAJHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to increase the tribal literacy rate in Orissa where the literacy rate among the tribals is the lowest in the country, being about 37 per cent only against the national average of 47 per cent;

(b) if so, the major steps Government have initiated in this regard; and

(c) if not, whether Government would include and initiate steps to increase the literacy rate of tribes in the State?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c) The National Literacy mission aims at imparting functional literacy to adult illiterates in the 15-35 age group with focus on women, scheduled castes, scheduled tribes and other disadvantaged sections of the community. In Orissa, total literacy campaigns have sanctioned to all the 30 districts of the State in which 11.31 lakh tribal non-literates have been made literate so far. Post Literacy projects for reinforcement of literacy skills were also sanctioned to 23 districts of the State in which 6.34 lakh tribal non-literates completed the post literacy primer. Besides, an Accelerated Female Literacy Programme covering